



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Edward Hines, Jr. Hospital
Hines IL 60141-5000

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the psychology practicum training program at Hines VA Hospital for the training year 2024-2025.

The practicum year starts on June 18th & June 20th 2024 with a mandatory two-day orientation and is 12 months in length, concluding near the end of June 2025.

Our Practicum program complements our APA-accredited Internship Program to offer excellent training for students across levels of education and experience. We are offering seven primary practicum tracks:

- 1) Complex Medical Care (formerly TBI/Polytrauma)
- 2) Geropsychology
- 3) Health/Rehabilitation Psychology: Emphasis in Spinal Cord Injury
- 4) Integrated Care/Health Psychology
- 5) Neuropsychological Assessment
- 6) Psychosocial Rehabilitation & Recovery Center
- 7) Trauma Services Program

We will begin to accept application materials January 16, 2024 and will be due no later than January 19, 2024. We will offer interviews between the dates of January 29th and February 23, 2024. Please note that ALL application materials (Hines VA application, two letters of recommendation, unofficial transcripts, vita, and cover letter) **must** be received by January 19, 2024. We understand that students in ACEPT programs may not be able to respond to offers until the practicum match date and we do expect to make offers to students who adhere to this timeline.

Applicants are encouraged to submit their applications early, as incomplete or late applications **will not** be considered. Please note that the VA may require applicants to be US citizens and Hines VA Psychology Practicum program requires applicants to be from an APA-approved program.

Thank you again for considering training at the Hines VA Hospital. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or for any additional information.

Sincerely,

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Hines VA Hospital, Hines, IL
Psychology Practicum Training Program

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Clinical and counseling students in APA-accredited doctoral (Ph.D. and Psy.D.) programs are eligible for training in the Hines Psychology Practicum Training Program. These are 12-month practica, starting in late June 2024 and concluding at the end of June 2025. Your acceptance is binding and withdrawal due to an appointment at another facility after signing our contract violates your school's affiliation with us.

Completed application packages may be submitted at any time. However, all completed packages must arrive by the **deadline of Friday, January 19, 2024** to be considered. Questions about the practicum program can be addressed to Rene Pichler-Mowry, Ph.D., Practicum Coordinator at Rene.Pichler-Mowry@va.gov.

Cover letters and letters of recommendation can be addressed to: Hines Psychology Practicum Committee

Send the following application materials to: Hinespsychologypracticum@va.gov

All materials must be submitted by EMAIL with attachments, subject line: **“(your last name) practicum application.”** Letters of Recommendation can also be submitted via EMAIL **using the same subject line.**

- A) **Completed current Hines VA Hospital Psychology Practicum Training Application.**

- B) **Two letters of recommendation, preferably from doctoral level psychologists, who are familiar with your academic work, practicum performance, or other pertinent experience. One of these letters may also be from your Director of Clinical Training if this individual is familiar with your clinical work. Letters of recommendation should be submitted via email to Hinespsychologypracticum@va.gov**

- C) **Graduate transcripts for second, third, and fourth year students. Undergraduate and Graduate transcripts for first year students. Unofficial transcripts are acceptable.**

- E) **Current Curriculum Vitae - please include the following:**
 - education
 - practicum experience
 - relevant prior job experience
 - publications and presentations
 - honors and awards
 - professional affiliations

- F) **A cover letter.**

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED by email to Hinespsychologypracticum@va.gov (subject line: (your last name) practicum application, IN FULL, BY January 19, 2024